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Described is a method for detecting acid stratification in a battery including the following steps:

- Determining a first state of charge value (SOC₁) during a load period of the
 battery on the
 basis of an estimated open-circuit voltage,
- Determining a second state of charge value (SOC₂) during a rest period of the battery following the load period on the basis of a measured open-circuit voltage,
- Comparing the first state of charge value (SOC₁) to the second state of charge value (SOC₂), and
- Detecting acid stratification when a defined deviation (ΔSOC) of the first state of charge value (SOC₁) from the second state of charge value (SOC₂) is exceeded.